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1 series of meetings and the eventual decision that you did  
2 make?

3 A Yes.

4 Q After meeting with the FBI, did you then  
5 subsequently learn where the briefcase had been taken to?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And where did it get taken to?

8 A Maria Serrazina's house.

9 Q Before it actually got moved to Maria Serrazina's  
10 house, do you know whether or not Mr. Asselin got back into  
11 the briefcase and removed anything?

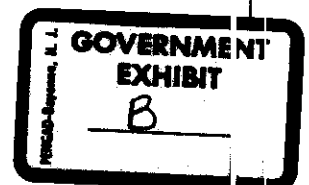
12 A Yes, he did.

13 Q And how do you know that?

14 A Because I asked Ray where the briefcase was, and  
15 he told me that they had moved it to Maria's house. And he  
16 said, before we moved it, he said, my father opened up the  
17 briefcase and he took out -- he handed me \$40,000 in one  
18 hand and 40,000 in the other hand, and he said, give this  
19 money -- this money is for Art Sotirion, and he took the  
20 other 40,000. And Ray said there was still a lot of money  
21 left in there, even though he already took out that amount.  
22 And then he took the papers that were in there.

23 Q Meaning these -- the books and the papers that had  
24 names and amounts ---

25 A Yes.



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1 Q --- on them?

2 A Yes. He took them.

3 Q And then was it after that point in time that the  
4 briefcase was then transported to Maria Serrazina's home?

5 A This, I believe, was at Maria's house.

6 Q Okay.

7 A They did this at Maria's.

8 Q Once the briefcase was stored in Maria Serrazina's  
9 house and was placed there, did you subsequently then learn  
10 that all the family residences got searched?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And was that briefcase one of the items that was  
13 seized from Maria Serrazina's home?

14 A Yes.

15 Q After the briefcase was seized, did you begin to  
16 hear discussion amongst the Asselin family members as to how  
17 to explain the large amount of cash in the briefcase?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And what was the discussion?

20 A The one that I heard was they were going to say  
21 that Jack had a gambling problem and he was -- he was  
22 gambling all this money and he was going to keep the money  
23 for the kids, but it was -- they were going to say that he  
24 had a problem going to Ledyard and stuff, and that was where  
25 the money came from. That he put it there and Maria didn't

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1 even know about it because he died.

2 Q So basically they were going to say that the cash  
3 had been generated though the gambling activity of Jack  
4 Serrazina, who is now deceased?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And when you started hearing that story, what did  
7 you think?

8 A It's disgusting. The guy is dead, their poor kids  
9 are going to grow up thinking their father had a gambling  
10 problem. How about his family? I couldn't believe that  
11 they were even thinking that.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Jack is a nice guy.

14 Q And did you ever know Jack to have ---

15 A No.

16 Q --- A, a gambling problem; or, B, even be a  
17 gambler?

18 A No.

19 Q I think you've already talked about the series of  
20 conversations that occurred -- are you okay?

21 Okay. I think you've already talked about the  
22 series of conversations between the time of the first  
23 warrant and the second warrant about removing documents and  
24 other physical items from some of the residences; is that  
25 correct?